

# Delaware State Police Offer Tips to Help Keep You Safe This Holiday Season

**Delaware-** With the holiday season upon us, the Delaware State Police would like to remind you to make safety a priority to avoid being vulnerable to theft and other holiday crimes. By taking a few extra precautions you can help ensure your holiday is a happy and safe one. We would like to provide these safety reminders to help keep you safe this holiday season.

- Remember to always lock your car doors, even if they are in the driveway of your residence.
- Secure any valuables in a place where they aren't visible from outside the vehicle. If you have arrived to your final destination, remove the valuables from your vehicle.
- Always leave outside lights on during the night to keep your home and vehicles parked outside visible from the roadway.
- Be aware of any suspicious activity or subjects in your community and report them immediately to the police.
- If packages are being delivered and you are not going to be home, ask a neighbor to collect the package for you.
- If you have a security system, always remember to activate it and lock the doors to your home.
- Try to shop during the day, but if you shop at night, do not do it alone.
- Parking lots are an easy place to fall victim to a crime. Always park in a safe, well lit location.
- When walking to and from your vehicle, stay alert to your surroundings and be aware of possible suspicious persons, vehicles or situations. Always remember, if you

see something to say something.

- When going into a store, always turn off your vehicle, remove the keys and lock the doors.
- Use caution if carrying a wallet or purse and be sure to not leave them unattended.
- Avoid wearing expensive jewelry and carrying large amounts of cash.
- Always be aware of your surroundings and avoid being preoccupied with your cellphone and other electronic devices.

The Delaware State Police wishes everyone a safe, healthy, and happy holiday season!

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